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1. ACCORDING TO FEBRUARY 24 AL GUMHURRIYA, WORK ON AHMED HAMDI TUNNEL UNDER SUEZ CANAL HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS. CITING REPORT PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT SADAT, ARTICLE CLAIMS MAIN WESTERN ACCESS TO TUNNEL 98 PERCENT COMPLETE WHILE EASTERN ACCESS 40 PERCENT COMPLETE. DIGGING OF ALL UNCOVERED PARTS OF TUNNEL ON WEST BANK REPORTEDLY WAS TO BE FINISHED BY END OF FEBRUARY. NECESSARY WORKSHOPS AND CONCRETE FOR TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION REPORTEDLY ALREADY PREPARED AND EGYPTIAN WORKERS IN PROCESS OF DIGGING DISCOVERY TUNNEL, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY MAY, ACCORDING TO PRESS.
 2. COMMENT: HAMDI TUNNEL (AKA AL-SHUTT TUNNEL) IS FIRST OF THREE TUNNELS PLANNED TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER SUEZ CANAL. AS OF JUNE 1977, WORK HAD JUST BEGUN ON TUNNEL AFTER HAVING BEEN STOPPED BECAUSE PAYMENT DISPUTE (REFTEL). BRITISH COMPANY WAS REPORTEDLY USING EXPENSIVE MODERN EQUIPMENT AND TWENTY-FOUR HOUR WORK DAY TO SPEED TUNNEL
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CONSTRUCTION. AMERICAN CONSULTANTS INVOLVED IN PROJECT (TAMS) ADVISED US RECENTLY THAT WORK OUTSIDE PORTALS TO MAIN TUNNEL ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE AND PILOT TUNNEL 40-50 PERCENT COMPLETE. IF ALL GOES WELL, COMPANY EXPECTS WORK ON MAIN TUNNEL SHOULD BEGIN BY AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. PRESS REPORTS OF RAPID PROGRESS ON TUNNELS, THEREFORE, APPEAR TO BE ACCURATE AND REFLECT HIGH DEGREE OF GOE INTEREST IN

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